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NEWS WORTH SHARING.

Strike will mean fewer students

Embassy walkouts. Post-secondary schools facing tough problems due to delayed visas

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London will welcome fewer foreign students this fall, thanks to a strike by government workers.

The lucrative market for international students — and all the jobs they support — is certain to be hit, experts said on Thursday. Exactly how big the hits will be hasn't been determined, but damage control has started at Western University and Fanshawe College.

International students at both schools, for example, will be allowed to start courses later than their classmates.

Cathy Parker of Culture Works, a private company teaching English to students, said the situation could hurt Canada as a whole for a long time to come.

"We're starting to hear from education advisers in other countries that they're advising students to choose the U.S. or Australia because they won't get a visa for Canada in time," Parker said. "They study for four years, so we're looking at a five-year impact because they roll through the system that way."

At Fanshawe, International Centre manager Bruce Jones said the "worst-case scenario" is student numbers will be the same as last year. The college had been planning for an increase in line with the 25 per cent it's seen in each of the past three years.

Given the types of courses the college offers, and the flexibility within them, the college has the option of having students start in January instead of September, he said.

Wrench in the works

- There's a slowdown in processing visa applications for Canada after embassy and high commission staff walked out across the globe because of a labour dispute.
- Some foreign-service workers remain on the job, but the visa approval process has slowed significantly.
- The labour action comes as Western and Fanshawe are trying to increase the number of international faces on their campuses.

Suna Guk, 21, is one of the lucky ones. She's already made it into Canada from her native South Korea and is studying business management operations at King's University College. Other international students are facing much bigger challenges because of a strike by Canadian embassy and high commission staff. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

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High-profile supporter

Foreign Affairs minister backs Tim Hudak

Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak got some very high profile support Thursday to help fend off challenges to his leadership from within his party.

After seeing two members of Hudak's caucus openly support disgruntled party insiders who are calling for a leadership review next month, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird came out swinging in Hudak's defence.

"Tim Hudak has what it takes to be a fantastic premier," Baird said in an interview from Rio de Janeiro. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accused in custody

Suspect facing additional sexual assault charges

London police have laid more charges against a man already accused in a string of sexual assaults.

Paulu Lomboi, 42, of London, was charged last month with two counts of sexual assault and one count of choking after an investigation centred on the area of Rectory and Trafalgar streets.

Police now have added charges of sexual assault with a weapon, overcoming resistance to commit an assault, uttering threats and another count of assault in relation to a previously unreported sexual assault involving a 24-year-old woman.

Lomboi has been in custody since his July 12 arrest. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Mayor Joe Fontana is promising big things from a Chinese science and technology group that he says has agreed to open up shop in London. METRO FILE

Fontana has high hopes for Chinese company

Cash injection. Mayor says investment will be worth 'tens of millions of dollars'

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Mayor Joe Fontana likes big numbers when it comes to investment.

So on Thursday he was thrilled to trumpet the arrival of a high-tech Chinese company, even though it specializes in miniature things.

Chongqing Jinshan Science and Technology Group specializes in a capsule endoscopy system, which uses a tiny device to take pictures inside patients, and will donate one to be used for clinical trials in the Forest City.

The announcement, which came after Fontana met with the company's leading figure Dr. Jinshan Wang, also revealed leads on investment Fontana claims will be worth "tens of millions of dollars."

The leads include the opening of a Chinese bank branch.

The deal comes two weeks after the city agreed to support plans for a medical innovation network involving Western University, London's hospitals and others.

"It's taken about a year, year and a half, in the making," Fontana said about the Chongqing Jinshan plan. "Dr. Wang was here a couple of times and I was in China to meet with him a couple of times."

The office will be in the city's core, working with local experts to do further research and development on existing digital medical devices.

"It bodes well," said the mayor. "It's in keeping with our strength as a health-care community in research and development."

Details about the number of jobs that will be created are still being finalized, Fontana said.

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Mike Tielemans, 22, along with his twin brother Rick, is planning a blowout Frosh Week party at East Park water park. A portion of the proceeds will go to charity. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Go East, to East Park, young partiers

Frosh Week. Fanshawe grads rent water park, DJ, for the ultimate welcome to London

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Like the old Doublemint gum commercial used to say, twins Mike and Rick Tielemans promise two times the fun when they host what's being billed as London's biggest pool party Sept. 8 at East Park.

The event is a new way to celebrate Frosh Week and it'll include music, a DJ, games, giveaways and, yes, dear students, drinks.

The 22-year-old Tielemans brothers, an entrepreneurial pair, spent some of their formative years attending Peak Potential courses with their mother, who obviously saw a future in the business world for her sons.

They now run their own marketing company in London and are dreaming big of future events.

But, first things first. You can rent out the water park?

"It's $2,000 plus tax," Mike Tielemans said with a laugh. "We've rented it for after-hours when the park is closed, which will be from 6 to 9 p.m., and it's the very last day that the park is open for the summer."

Once he knew he could rent the park, he started contacting companies and bands to make it all happen.

The initial notion was to celebrate the beginning of summer, but the student population was just too low to generate enough interest. Now, with excited students returning to the city or coming here for the first time, Tielemans expects a full capacity of about 1,000 people, mostly from Western and Fanshawe.

"It just kind of escalated into what it is now," he said. "I had the idea of live music, outdoor concert, water slides, a big party and we had Red Bull as a sponsor before we changed the date. I'm still trying to find a nice energy drink to hand out."

Hardcore partying aside, the twins are planning a few Zen moments along the way.

"We're working with the Olive Tree Yoga Foundation, so we're going to have some yoga out on the splash pad, and we're giving 10 per cent of the proceeds to them," Tielemans said.

There will also be free frozen yogurt and drinks at the Tiki Bar for those old enough to enjoy them. Security will be on hand to ensure that none of that drinking gets out of control.

Tickets are $25 online or $30 at the door.

For more information, go to londonsbiggestpoolparty.com.

To benefit

Olive Tree Yoga Foundation will get 10 per cent of proceeds, and will lead yoga at the park.

- **Purpose.** Based in the Middle East, the foundation aims to create a community of leaders through the practice of yoga.
- **Practice.** The organization creates training classes for yoga teachers in areas of conflict with the goal of creating a network of options for people interested in classes.

Liberals lead the pack in byelection donations

Political insiders are still debating the significance of five Ontario byelections last week, but it's clear the campaigns helped the parties add to their election war chests.

Ontario's governing Liberals lost three of the five byelections, but they raised the most money of any party during the campaign for the Aug. 1 votes.

Preliminary figures from Elections Ontario show the Liberals raised about $1 million for the byelections in Ottawa, Windsor, London and Toronto, with many banks and corporations donating the maximum $9,300.

Next year

Byelection financial data for candidates won't be available until February, according to Elections Ontario.

However, critics say the Liberals raised a lot of the money before the byelection campaigns and simply held back on filing the returns until the campaigns started.

The Elections Ontario figures show the Progressive Conservatives raised about $245,000, but party officials say they haven't filed all their paperwork and the actual total was $870,000.

Elections Ontario removed donation figures for the New Democrats at the party's request because of a problem with the way the money was allocated. An earlier posting showed the NDP had raised about $86,000 by July 15.

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Yogathon fundraiser

Yogis unite!

The Art of Living Foundation plans to turn Victoria Park into an outdoor yoga studio from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 17.

The second annual Yogathon fundraiser offers experienced yogis to lead participants. Beginners are invited to roll out a mat in support of the Care for Children program, which helps promote schools and education in rural India.

Victoria Park is located at 509 Clarence St.

For more information, visit yogathoncanada.org.

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Get your tickets

Western Fair tickets on sale this Friday

Advance tickets for the Western Fair go on sale Friday and can be bought at the fair district or at Shoppers Drug Mart locations across Southwestern Ontario.

Advance general admission is $9, and includes access to all the usual fair festivities like animal exhibits, rides, music, games and food vendors.

The fair runs Sept. 6 to 15.

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Mural for late uncle

Lemonade, with a bonus

People can cool off, support public art and pay tribute to longtime Londoner and environmentalist Stephen Watson all at the same time.

Watson's nephews, ages 9 and 10, will be selling lemonade for a donation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 to help raise money for a gigantic ocean mural of an octopus being painted in memory of their uncle. The lemonade stand will be at the site of the mural, at 197-199 Dundas St. METRO

Is this bull?

For some, meat grown from stem cells instead of harvested from animals is an answer to the age-old problem of killing one creature for another's enjoyment. To others, the whole idea just seems ridiculous

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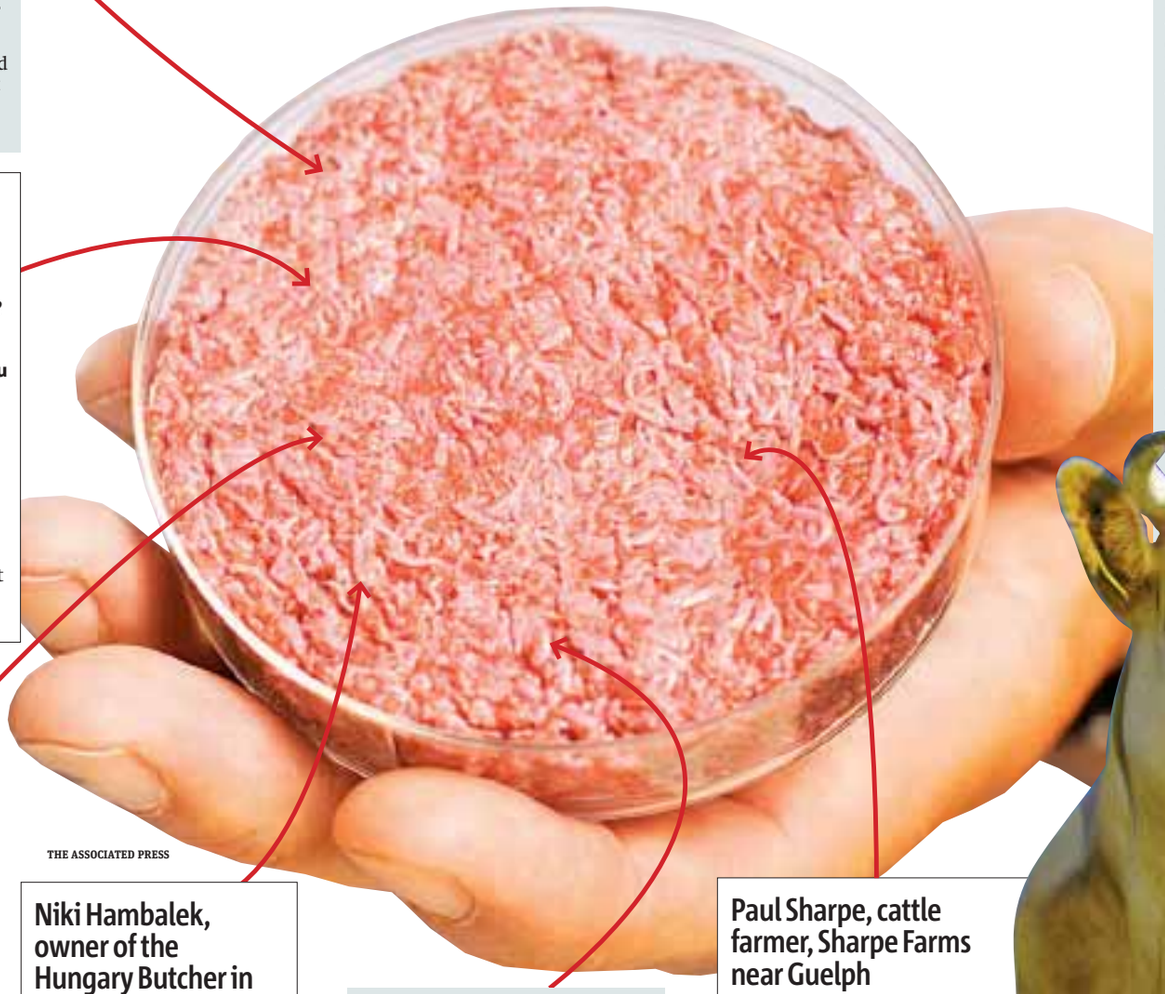

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Ingrid Newkirk, president of PETA

Is it meat?
"It is real meat — it's flesh. It's muscle cells, when you're eating it you're eating animal flesh."

Would you eat it?
"I don't need to try it; it doesn't interest me personally. If someone made a bet, (something like) Canada would go vegetarian today to eat it, I'd do it. If it helped to reduce suffering, I'd do it on a bet."

Michael Kuijpers, Vegan Activists of London

Is it meat?
"Yes."

Would you eat it?
"I don't think so because it was grown from stem cells.... I support it (though) — any alternative that would help decrease the demand for animal products is a great thing."

Dr. Greg Kelly, biology professor, Western University

Is it meat?
"I'd say it's meat.... You're bathing the cells in growth factors, nutrients, things the cells need to grow."

Would you eat it?
"Sure, why not? I mean I'm not a big fan of veggie burgers, but it's an alternative. It's what you put on it that makes it tasty."

Niki Hambalek, owner of the Hungary Butcher in London

Is it meat?
"No. I would call it artificial meat. How could you call it beef? That's lying, right?"

Would you eat it?
"Not at all. I wouldn't even consider it. I don't see any difference in cloning or doing this. How is it going to affect my health in 10 years?"

Vinod Sharma, president of United Hindu Congress of Canada

Is it meat?
"It is not natural-grown food."

Would you eat it?
"Absolutely not... First of all, Hindu (people) don't eat beef. Secondly, we are totally against any kind of production of artificial meat for human consumption."

Paul Sharpe, cattle farmer, Sharpe Farms near Guelph

Is it meat?
"No. Is it very interesting? Yes. It's a topic of conversation, yes, but is it the same thing to me? No."

Would you eat it?
"Sure, I would eat it, and I'm sure it's not going to kill me. I'm not afraid of that. Would I eat it on an ongoing basis? No."

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Grill-gotten gains

Meat never past its stem-cell-by date

The world is our oyster, er, better yet, meat market

A T. rex steak? A woolly mammoth taco? How about your grouchy old boss served up (quite literally) on a silver platter?

In theory, we could someday be eating it all without hurting anyone or anything — taken straight from stem cells lovingly nurtured in a Petri dish and dished up on your dinner table.

Maastricht University in the Netherlands is at the root of what could become a modern food marvel. A team there has unveiled a hamburger (valued at $340,000) that was grown in a lab instead of cut from a cow.

And, experts say, that's only the start of where this could all wind up.

Simply put, if this whole thing shakes out, stem cells from pretty much anything we can get our hands on could be cultivated, grilled and enjoyed — depending on how strong your stomach is, of course.

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Senate

Background check of Brazeau missed address conflict

A background check of Patrick Brazeau by officials in the Prime Minister's Office ignored or overlooked the conflicting addresses now at the heart of an RCMP probe into the senator's finances.

Brazeau was claiming aboriginal tax status, and his driver's licence and passport showed his address as his former father-in-law's house on the Kiniw Zibi Mika First Nation reserve in Maniwaki, Que.

Police, however, allege he was actually living in Gatineau, about 90 minutes away, directly across the river from the national capital.

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LGBT rights

Baird dismisses criticism by women's group

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is brushing off criticism of Ottawa's defence of sexual minorities' rights in foreign countries, saying the vast majority of Canadians support the government's stance.

His comments come in response to an attack from a conservative women's group, which accused Baird of using taxpayers money to promote "his own personal agenda."

REAL Women of Canada took issue with Baird recently saying the Harper government worked behind the scenes to persuade Russia not to follow through with a controversial anti-gay law. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sandy Hook

Newtown kids to stage musical with big help

Over 100 children from the Newtown, Conn., area are putting on a musical this weekend with the help of Broadway professionals.

The students have spent the last five weeks working with actor John Tartaglia, director Michael Unger and others on Seussical the Musical, which is being put on by the 12.14 Foundation, which was established after the Dec. 14 massacre at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The proceeds go to the foundation, which intends to build a performing arts centre in Newtown in memory of the 20 children and six educators who were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two teens face child porn charges in Parsons case

Cyberbullying. Pair of 18-year-olds taken into custody a day after online harassment law took effect

Police said Thursday that two Halifax teens face child pornography charges in the case of Rehtaeh Parsons, the 17-year-old Halifax girl who was taken off life-support following a suicide attempt in April.

Her family says she was bullied for months after a digital photo of her allegedly being sexually assaulted was passed around her school.

One 18-year-old man faces two counts of distributing child pornography, while another 18-year-old man faces charges of making and distributing child pornography. Both accused are due in youth court next Thursday, police said Thursday evening.

"I can tell you that we hope that today's arrests help the entire community to heal," RCMP Chief-Supt. Roland Wells told a news conference.

"A young girl has died in what is a tragic set of circumstances. We all need to reflect on how we as a community can come together in Rehtaeh's memory and see what we can do to work together to support our youth."

Police said they would not release the identities of the accused, as they were minors at the time of the alleged offences.

Earlier in the day, Rehtaeh's parents said news that two people were arrested brought them some solace, though the girl's father expressed disappointment that his daughter never saw justice served in her short life.

"She's dead now. She's gone," Glen Canning said in an interview at his home.

Quoted

"I hope it provides some measure of comfort to family members."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, on the arrests made in the Rehtaeh Parsons case.

"It's sad and in a way it's a bit of relief that there may be some sense of justice done in this case."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who earlier this year met with Leah Parsons, Rehtaeh's mother, said he hoped that the girl's family would be given a degree of comfort with the progress in the case.

"This is a terrible tragedy that had touched not only the families but many other Canadians who have become familiar with what has transpired and the kind of risk this presents to all of our children," Harper said in Saint John, N.B.

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Rehtaeh Parsons is shown in a handout photo from a Facebook tribute page. Police say two teens face child pornography charges in the case of Parsons, the 17-year-old Halifax girl who was taken off life support following a suicide attempt in April. FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Terrifying father-son glacier trip ends with a hug

Rob Cossette, left, and son Ray make a habit of trekking up some of Alberta and B.C.'s most daunting mountains. Ray is crediting his quick-learning father with saving his life after he plunged 25 metres into a crevasse Sunday. COURTESY RAY COSSETTE

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Raymond Cossette had taken three steps across a snow bridge when it "disappeared" beneath his feet.

The 32-year-old Alberta man was six kilometres up a glacier on Mount Robson, an hour northwest of Jasper, Alta., with his father Robert. The elder Cossette had flown in from Gatineau, Que., for an annual father-son climbing trip.

But now Ray was free-falling down a crevasse, dropping at least 18 metres before the rope tethered to Rob topside began to tighten. When he hit a pack of deep snow roughly 25 metres below, Ray sank up to his neck.

"I was actually relatively calm, I was just waiting for the rope to catch," said Ray. "If (Rob) had given me two or three feet more slack, I would have been buried down there essentially."

Up above, the force of Ray's fall had swept Rob right off his feet. He'd already crossed the snow bridge with no problems, but now was being dragged back toward the hole.

Rob had carefully gone over safety precautions with his son the night before, practising knots until he got them right. He managed to anchor himself and went to work securing knots to stabilize the rope, but he couldn't hear Raymond initially and feared the worst.

"Nobody wants to lose their son ... nobody has a death wish," he said.

But Ray had managed to pull his shovel out and went to work digging himself out. Once free, he turned to the ice-climbing equipment in his pack but the frozen walls were too thick to dig into. Instead, Ray used a technique he'd practised by tying a rope to beams in his garage and shimmying up it.

When Ray reached the top, two hours after his fall, his father wrapped him up in a big hug.

The Robson glacier trip was over, but the father-son pair couldn't stay off the mountains for long, teaming up for an "easy summit" on Thursday. On future glacier climbs, they plan to add a third person to the rope.

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After a deadly train derailment in Quebec last month, Sun News Network's Ezra Levant pondered if eco-terrorism was to blame. "Blocking trains is the new favourite tactic of Canada's environmentalists, anarchists and self-styled Indian warriors," Levant said. The channel will not be part of a basic-cable package, the CRTC ruled Thursday. SCREENGRAB/SUNNEWSNETWORK.CA

CRTC turns down Sun News' basic-cable bid

Television. However, telecom regulator says it plans to review rules for news channels

Sun News Network says it will stay on the air while the CRTC reviews the way news channels are regulated in Canada.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission on Thursday rejected the network's bid to be carried on basic cable, casting fresh doubts on the future of the controversial upstart broadcaster.

But the CRTC also says it will review the regulations for news channels in Canada.

"The diversity of voices is an essential component of our society, particularly as they relate to news and information in the Canadian broadcasting system," CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais said in a statement.

"Television news channels provide an important public service by ensuring that Canadians are exposed to different opinions and perspectives on matters that concern all citizens. We are concerned that, under the existing rules, Canadian news services are not being given a pride of place in our broadcasting system."

That provides a glimmer of hope for Sun News, which told the CRTC this spring that anything short of mandatory carriage would spell the end of the channel, dubbed Fox News North by some critics when it made its debut in April 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fellow rejects

- The regulator also rejected 11 other applications, including Vision TV, Maximum Television Canada, the Canadian Punjabi Network and Starlight: The Canadian Movie Channel, which had the backing of luminaries like David Cronenberg, Denys Arcand and Atom Egoyan.

Atom Egoyan, left, and David Cronenberg

Road safety. Herzog teams up with AT&T for short film on texting and driving

In his documentaries, Werner Herzog has examined grizzly bears, plane crash survivors, cave paintings and death row inmates. For his latest project, the filmmaker is exploring the dangers of texting while driving in From One Second to the Next, a 35-minute short film that emotionally recounts how lives have been forever changed by the issue.

"I knew I could do it because it has to do with catastrophic events invading a family," said Herzog, 70. "In one second, entire lives are either wiped out or changed forever. That kind of emotional resonance is something that I knew I could cover."

The documentary, which tells the stories of both victims and perpetrators, is available to watch at ItCanWait.com and will be distributed by AT&T to more than 40,000 high schools, as well as hundreds of safety organizations and government agencies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Werner Herzog's film about texting and driving can be seen at ItCanWait.com. ISTOCK

Footwear. For Adidas, slump in Europe is offset by sales boost in China, Latin America

German shoe and sporting goods company Adidas AG said Thursday that net profit rose four per cent in the second quarter to about $238 million as stronger sales in China and Latin America offset a decline in Europe.

Sales fell 11 per cent in the April-June quarter in Western Europe, where the year-earlier figure was swollen by advance sales of gear linked to the London Olympics and the UEFA Euro 2012 soccer tournament. Europe's weak economy, with an ongoing recession and high unemployment, also played a role in holding down sales.

Sales rose 21 per cent in Latin America and six per cent in China, excluding the effects of shifting currency exchange rates. North American sales fell two per cent as a late start to the golf season hurt sales at the TaylorMade brand, which makes clubs and balls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lac-Mégantic crash

Railway granted creditor protection

The railroad involved in the fatal Lac-Mégantic train derailment was granted creditor protection Thursday in a Canadian court, a decision expected to increase the value of the company's assets and speed up the payment process. A Quebec Superior Court justice handed down the ruling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royal Canadian Mint

Collector coins mark royal birth

The Royal Canadian Mint has announced it is releasing two collector coins and a collector coin set to commemorate the arrival of Prince George of Cambridge.

The offerings include a 25-cent cupro-nickel coin, a $5 silver coin and a set of three $20 silver coins. One of the $20 coins shows a sleeping baby in a crib with two plush toys — a beaver and a RCMP moose, to represent Canada's close ties with the Royal Family. METRO

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1 **When the dealin's done.** Amazon founder Jeff Bezos bought the Washington Post from the Grahams to whom it belonged for 80 years. The sale came as a surprise to many, so when Post Co. CEO Donald E. Graham was asked why he would sell his family business so suddenly, he said, "Look, I'm old. It's a newspaper, and the guy had $250 million." Touché, Donny.

2 **Global warming.** A new study revealed worrisome statistics from 2012. Rising sea levels and melting ice reached alarming levels. Temperatures were only slightly affected but have been increasing at a rate of about 1.5 C per decade over the last 50 years. In short, I may not have to worry in my lifetime, but we should all probably stop having kids.

3 **Shark week.** Headlines read "Dead shark found on NYC subway." Firstly, do we need the word 'dead' here? Or is it not enough that in a densely populated city, someone could enter a station with a three-foot-long stinking sea creature, wait for the train, drag it in before the doors close, and place it under a row of seats without anyone noticing?

4 **'Sppeling' be.** Twelve-year-old Thomas Hurley III misspelled the final Jeopardy! answer 'Emanciptation Proclamation,' which judges deemed unacceptable. The commotion caused by this completely overshadowed the fact that the real winner not only had the answer spelled correctly, but that his record-breaking score of $66,000 meant that Thomas had zero chance of winning anyway. But maybe I'm just 'nipticking.'

5 **Grand slam.** It was a big week for 38-year-old Alex Rodriguez who returned to baseball this week after his second hip surgery in four years. A-Rod also received a suspension for drug use, which he is appealing on the basis that, at his age and stage of his career, pretty much anything would qualify as "performance-enhancing."

6 **Birthday suit.** When asked if she was uncomfortable with the nudity and risqué sexuality in playing the role of Linda Lovelace, Amanda Seyfried shrugged and said, "It's a costume really. Just a naked body. We all look the same." Umm, no, but that's why I love Amanda Seyfried.

7 **The Bachelorette.** If I understand this correctly, Desiree told the final bachelor, "I publicly declared my love for another contestant who told me he didn't feel the same (just last week), and it made me realize I was in love with you all along." Ah, the romantic story we all long to tell our kids, and it's all on video. Cheers!

8 **This week in music.** In 1975 The Bee Gees hit No. 1 in America with Jive Talkin', which was the group's second U.S. chart-topper on the road to many more. They were also the first known white people to ever use that phrase.

9 **Piano in the dark.** The Canadian music community suffered a loss this week when James Gray died of a sudden heart attack. James was just 52, and played keyboards for the Rheostatics, Vital Sines, and Blue Rodeo. Among the countless artists who had the pleasure to work with Gray, he will be fondly remembered. His death leaves a gaping hole in the music community. As for me, I thank him for the songs he leaves behind.

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Could you use an unused station?

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Underground station for sale

Brompton Road underground station, now disused, in central London, is up for sale for about $31 million.

The station is near to the historic Brompton Oratory church and the ritzy Harrods department store. It opened in 1906 but turned out to be too close to other stations to attract many passengers, and was closed in 1934.

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Once also used by military in WWII

Brompton Road station is being sold by the Ministry of Defence, which bought the building in the 1936, when it became an army anti-aircraft headquarters, protecting London from German bombers during the Blitz.

The ministry, which is selling several properties and laying off thousands of soldiers in a cost-cutting drive, says the building has been declared "surplus to requirements" and will be put up for sale next month. The site includes a station building covered in the distinctive oxblood-coloured tiles of London Underground's Piccadilly Line. The ministry said the interior includes "a drill hall, garages, offices and mess," as well as elevator shafts and underground passages — though not the subway tunnels, which remain in use and belong to London's transit operator.

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One of many

- Brompton Road is one of several abandoned subway stations in London. Many are derelict, although Aldwych station has been preserved as a location for filming period dramas, and the former Hyde Park Corner station building was a restaurant and jazz club until it closed in 2010.

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While it's not for the faint of heart, disaster tourism is booming. But for those whose wallet, anxiety levels, or phobias prevent them from diving into danger, the curious-but-not-that-curious can now easily partake in some armchair disaster tourism.

Destroyed ships are seen in Namie, Fukushima Prefecture. GETTY IMAGES

Fukushima

Years after the small Japanese town of Namie was evacuated in the wake of the Fukushima tsunami and nuclear disaster, Google brought their street view team and cameras to show the world what remains.

Chornobyl

While you can book private tours to see the remains of arguably the world's largest nuclear disaster, Google street view teams have yet to fully map the exclusion zone. Leave it to Google's Russian counterpart Yandex to fill in the gaps. Search maps.yandex.ru to get the digital tour.

Mount St. Helens

The area around the active volcano responsible for killing close to 60 people and destroying hundreds of homes in 1980 has been closed, reopened, closed again and now is open to hikers. Take the Google street view tour or get a 360 glimpse of the summit on Bing.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: An unused tube station in London is for sale. Would you buy it for $30M? What would you do with it?

@Canucklehead_ca: Clearly a batcave. If anyone says anything different they've simply neglected to think of a batcave. (BATCAVE!)

@cliffboldt: I would make it into a museum dedicated to the effects fo the free market economy on the United Kingdom.

@TransitQ: A Batcave sound nice, yes BUT let's ramp it up with a Super Heroes Command Centre...Tick? Carpet Man?

@Kris_Maki: emergency crash pad for when you just can't make it home and need to be in a bed NOW.

@LivingAsMe: I hope it's turned into a restaurant that offers delicious cuisine, an incredibly unique ambience, & night lounge

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SCENE 2

Synopsis

Set in 2154, humanity has split into two sections, the one per cent, who live on an Eden called Elysium that hovers high above Earth, and the 99 per cent who toil on what's left of our planet. The one per cent have it all plus medical care that can cure any ailment. On earth Max (Matt Damon) is an ex-thief who has always dreamed of living in Elysium and is now working a straight job to save enough to buy a ticket. When he's exposed to a lethal dose of radiation he makes a deal with a crime boss (Wagner Moura) who hires him to do a job for a one-way ticket to Elysium. Metro's Liz Brown sits in for Mark Breslin.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Liz: ●●●○○

Matt Damon is convincing as a downtrodden guy with a dream in Elysium. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Back to the future?

Elysium. District 9 director's return to the big screen isn't as sci-fi fresh as his debut

Richard: Liz, director Neill Blomkamp's big screen debut, District 9, was a fresh slice of sci-fi with a real beating heart. He brings that same kind of humanity to Elysium, but it doesn't feel quite as fresh this time around. It's exciting, has some great action and ideas and everybody's boyfriend Matt Damon, but for all that, it feels much more standard than I hoped it would be. What did you think?

Liz: Richard, Elysium isn't as fresh because it's District 9 with prettier faces. There's an unfair class system, a guy who undergoes a grotesque transformation and the same dusty shanty towns. I even thought Blomkamp recycled footage from District 9 — the Los Angeles of 2154 looks oddly like the Prawn camp outside Johannesburg. But a shredded Matt Damon is a nice addition to the somewhat tired story.

RC: I should make it clear that I liked most of this movie. I think the setup is interesting, even if it is reminiscent of everything from Oblivion and even WALL-E, and for the first hour it does what great sci-fi should do, comment on the human condition. But then it becomes an ordinary bash-'em and beat-'em action movie with sentimental and mawkish overtones. It's not bad, and, in fact, at times is pretty great, just not as great as I expected.

LB: While the story was meh, for me, the bash-'em-up scenes were great. Watching Matt Damon and a deranged Sharlto Copley tangle in some mortal combat was a lot of fun. I thought Copley — who was the wimpy Wikus in District 9 — really stole the show in his role as a rogue secret service agent.

RC: Copley is entertaining, chewing through the scenery like he hasn't eaten in a week. Damon also impresses. He's believable as both the sensitive guy with a dream and the lethal, half-cyborg warrior capable of opening a can of futuristic whoop ass on everyone in his way. Jodie Foster is nicely cast as the ice cold Donald-Rumsfeld-style villain, but I found her perfect diction *really* distracting. Every word she says seemed to have its own finely honed shape to the point where I almost had a hard time understanding what she was saying.

LB: Foster wasn't the only one with distracting diction. I found the fast-talk in this film impossible to understand. I'm still not sure of the finer points of the Earthling plan to invade Elysium and maybe Matt Damon missed them too, judging from the way things go terribly wrong. He really got a raw deal didn't he? Only Damon could take on a lethal radiation dose, sketchy Tijuana-style surgery and a few beatings and still save the day.

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Comedy

Planes

Director. Klay Hall

Stars. Dane Cook, Stacy Keach, Brad Garrett

After narrowly qualifying for the Wings Around the World Rally, Dusty (voice of Dane Cook), a single-propeller crop duster with a fear of heights, recruits the help of retired Navy Corsair Skippy (voice of Stacy Keach) to teach him how to win. Unfortunately the race's reigning champ Ripslinger (Roger Craig Smith) feels threatened by Dusty and conspires to dash his high hopes. Planes plays like an airborne Cars, but has a definite direct-to-DVD feel about it. There are good messages about the benefits of honesty and hard work, but the dull story never takes flight.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama

Fill the Void

Director. Rama Burshtein

Stars. Hadas Yaron, Yiftach Klein, Irit Sheleg

Burshtein's award winning film set in Tel Aviv's ultra-Orthodox Hasidic community concerns an 18-year-old pressured to marry her late sister's husband. A perfect storm of tradition, law and the Rabbi's wishes conspires to rip away any hope of a self-determined life. Although Shira appears to have a choice in the matter she is obliged to abide by the family's requirements. The performances are subtle and powerful, underscoring that doubt and pain that lie beneath submissive exteriors.

ANNE BRODIE

Objection! My destiny is to act — preferably with Matt Damon

Josh Blacker. 'I didn't want to be a lawyer ... I wanted to be a person pretending to be a lawyer,' the Elysium star says

KATE WEBB
Metro in Vancouver

It took Josh Blacker a few years of working as a litigator to realize that law was not nearly as dramatic a career path as he had hoped it would be.

The Vancouver actor, now 40, had pictured himself making passionate, nuanced arguments in front of a judge, but in practise his days in court were rare, and when he did go he found the script he had to follow was boring.

"I think what happened was I watched an episode of L.A. law, and thought, 'That would be fun,' and then realized later on that, in fact, I didn't want to be a lawyer," he told Metro in a recent phone interview from L.A.

"I wanted to be a person pretending to be a lawyer."

In 2004 he packed up and moved from Calgary to Vancouver to pursue his other lifelong dream, acting, which paid off big time when he was cast in Elysium: Oscar-nominated writer/director Neill Blomkamp's blockbuster sci-fi followup to District 9.

Set in the year 2154, two classes of people exist: the very wealthy who live on a pristine man-made space station called Elysium, and the rest, who live on an overpopulated, ruined Earth.

Starring opposite Jodie Foster, Matt Damon, Sharlto Copley, Diego Luna, Brandon Auret, and Alice Braga, Blacker plays Crowe, a South African mercenary sent to protect Elysium.

Blacker happens to have been born and raised in South Africa, so when he found out Blomkamp was casting a South African for the film, he says he felt he was destined to play the part. It is also the type of role in which he was comfortable and experienced, having appeared on a number of Vancouver-shot sci-fi TV shows such as Supernatural and Stargate: Atlantis.

Josh Blacker stars opposite Matt Damon and Jodie Foster in Elysium, opening in theatres Aug. 9. CONTRIBUTED

"Most of the time I play some pretty bad dudes," he said. "I've played marines and convicts and mercenaries and occasionally some guy that maybe you're not sure about that lives next door."

Blacker said working with Damon and Foster was a "dream come true" and called his feature film debut the most amazing experience of his career to date.

"He's exactly as you would expect him to be," he said of Damon. "He's grounded and warm as you would expect him to be, and he has a really great sense of humour. He's just a terrific guy and you can understand why he's one of the most bankable stars out there."

Elysium opens in IMAX and theatres nationwide on Aug. 9.

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It amounts to the most epic bathroom break in TV history

Interview. Bryan Cranston on Walter White's future in Breaking Bad's final season and the nature of his character

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News

If you're not caught up on Breaking Bad, you might want to stop reading here. But if you are caught up, you know that last season's cliff-hanging finale ended with DEA agent Hank Schrader picking up some very special reading material while on the toilet — evidence to incriminate his brother-in-law, Walter White, for orchestrating the drug ring Schrader has had his eyes on since the first season.

While you might have been waiting with baited breath to find out what happens when Hank comes out of that bathroom, Bryan Cranston tells Metro he wasn't.

"I didn't ask for the whole year," says Cranston, who has played the series' lead Walter White since 2008.

He says he only got the script about two weeks before the episode began shooting. "I don't need to have a lot of information in my head."

Fans won't have to wait much longer to discover what happens next, as the series returns for its final eight episodes beginning Sunday. Cranston himself was mum about the series finale when we spoke to him last month. But he did share plenty of insight into a series he calls a "cautionary tale," about a man whose hunger for power just couldn't be satiated.

Breaking Bad returns for its eight final episodes starting Sunday. The long-awaited showdown places Hank Schrader in direct conflict with the villainous hero, Walter White. FRANK OCKENFELS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How many people know the ending right now?
Maybe about 20. It's gonna go up to about 200. … There are several things that happen, as you might guess, in the last eight — many twists and turns that you will gasp at.

Why do you think people from all walks of life really connect to this show?
Well, I think because it's honest. We're exploring sociopolitical relationships. Some people were gleaning that, "Oh, this is a condemnation of the medical care system in the United States, because here's a man who is a teacher, and a well educated man, and he cannot provide for his family." … We are telling this story in that manner that is resonating with people because it's not about drug manufacturing or drug usage; this story is about decisions that people make and the slippery slope that (can) happen.

Are you happy with Walt's ending?
I'm very pleased. You know, there was apprehension of reading the last episode because once you read the last episode, there's no more episodes to read — it's just like, whoa, I don't want it to end. But I can honestly say that fans of our show will be very pleased, very satisfied with the outcome. It's very Breaking Bad — unapologetic and very appropriate. We cover it all. I can tell you this: There's not going to be a sense of, "Wait a minute, what?" That's not going to be the case with Breaking Bad.

A drug dealer with a conscience is still a drug dealer

Aaron Paul plays Jesse Pinkman on Breaking Bad. GETTY IMAGES

Aaron Paul has won two Emmys for his acting chops, so it's no surprise he was able to fool us into believing that the cast of Breaking Bad had filmed 12 different endings for the critically acclaimed series and that he was unsure which would make it to air.

But jokes aside, Paul says he does know how his character, the drug-dealer-with-a-conscience Jesse Pinkman, ends his run in these final eight episodes, and that he's happy with the trajectory.

"As a whole I'm very pleased," he tells Metro, saying that it's hard to discuss his character's final moments without giving anything away.

Also a challenge for the actor: Admitting that the series has come to an end.

"I think (I've) kinda moved past the mourning, or maybe not — maybe I'm just in denial," he says with a laugh.

"But this final round of cuts is just another reminder of how lucky we all are. Everyone's just so excited about the show coming out. I'm really excited for people to see what the writers have come up with. You're gonna be stoked."

While he won't reveal too much about the show's final season, he does tell fans to expect the same level — if not more — of darkness they've come to expect from the show's previous episodes. And now, with the end approaching, everything's at a heightened pace.

"I think the very first episode of the final eight, that's a violent punch to the throat," Paul says. "And it just never slows down. We all know how the season ended last year, so it pretty much starts right where it left off, and it's a constant, brutal sprint to the finish line.

"You would like to think that he is the moral compass," Paul says of his character. "But if you really think about it, he was a drug dealer and he's a murderer. … You hope that Jesse kinda comes out of this, but you know, who knows?"

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Killing Jesse off

It's hard to imagine Breaking Bad without one of its central characters.

- **Who knew?** Paul's character was originally never meant to last beyond Season One. As Paul has told it, Jesse was supposed to lead Walter White into the drug trade and then get killed.

Breaking up with Breaking Bad is hard to do

Vince Gilligan, the Breaking Bad creator, is having trouble remembering to talk about things in the past tense.

"I say this in present tense but it's all past tense now, which makes me sad anew," he says with a laugh while talking about crafting the finale to his groundbreaking, award-winning series, Breaking Bad.

As Gilligan is adjusting to a life not spent chronicling the transformation of Walter White (Bryan Cranston) from a mild-mannered, cancer-ridden high school chemistry teacher to a ruthless meth kingpin, here's a glimpse of what's been on his mind.

He knew when to say when:
I had some very, very polite discussions. I never had any arguments, but I had Bryan Cranston say, "Are you sure you want to end it?" I had Sony and AMC say, "Are you sure you want to end it?" And it all came from a place of enthusiasm for the show and a desire for it to continue, and I have those same feelings of enthusiasm and desire. I wanted the show to go on forever for reasons of creative satisfaction and personal satisfaction. But it wasn't that hard of a decision to end it. I wanted it to end on a high note.

He doesn't know what you're saying about him:
I have this phobia about Googling myself. I've never done it, and I don't intend to start. I think my fear is I'm too interested, and if I started to look up fan reactions on the Internet, it would be a sort of rabbit hole that I would disappear down.

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Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan. GETTY IMAGES

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Did Lindsay Lohan find a star-crossed lover in rehab?

Rehab was apparently a lot more fun for Lindsay Lohan than we previously thought — at least until a fellow Cliffside Malibu patient was reportedly kicked out for inappropriate sexual relations with the actress, according to Radar Online.

Lohan and the mystery man began "dating" shortly after she checked in, another patient claims.

"Prior to Lindsay's arrival I was roommates with the guy who ended up dating her. When she came, the first or second day they ended up kissing and it was on from there," the source says.

"Everybody in rehab knew they were dating. It was pretty obvious. But the guy eventually got kicked out because of Lindsay. The guy who owns Cliffside slacked on the rules for Lindsay, but they got cocky with their relationship and people got uncomfortable with the situation, saying they couldn't do that stuff when people are trying to get well. I know that's why he was asked to leave. They interviewed everyone about it, and all the girls ratted them out because they hated Lindsay."

Jennifer Aniston.

It's her wedding and she'll have it when she wants to

Jennifer Aniston is fed up with the tabloids reporting that she and fiancé Justin Theroux have called off their wedding.

"Well, there was no wedding planned," an exasperated Aniston says while visiting The Talk, a daytime chat show.

"Do you realize that the majority of all of those tag rags are loaded with absolute false information? They like to create the stories because it's not interesting, the story of, 'we're really happy and in love and feel like we're married and eventually we're going to get married when we find the time.' I don't think there's a rush."

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Beyoncé, and more celebs who chopped their hair off

The unthinkable has happened. Beyoncé, who pretty much runs the world right now, with her inexplicably voluminous waves flowing in her hip-shaking wake, has gone for the chop. She posted photos to her Instagram today of the bleached-blond do, immediately dividing her five million plus followers. In recognition of this monumental moment, we reflect on other celebrities who have divided the world with their haircut.

Anne Hathaway
The Les Mis star has never had the best luck with public opinion in the first place, but when she cut off her hair for the role of Fantine, things got messy. Alongside the usual haters you actually had Hathaway joining in herself, saying she looked like her "gay brother" and claiming to be "inconsolable."

Emma Watson
Hermione without her signature bushy long hair is almost as shocking as Beyoncé without her iconic locks.

Rihanna
When Rihanna first went for the crop it signalled the end of the Pon de Replay era and the beginning of the provocative singer as we now know her.

Miley Cyrus
What better way to wave her Disney days goodbye than with a bleached pixie cut? The new, punked-up Miley was probably a bit of a surprise to her pre-teen fan base. She's still working on making her image click.

Carey Mulligan
Until the whole Beyoncé situation plays out, we can safely say the British actress is the greatest success story when it comes to the crop. After a peroxide dye left her hair stunted, she turned the problem into a solution by sporting a chic boyish style that has now become synonymous with the Gatsby star.

Britney Spears
OK, so it wasn't exactly a tasteful haircut, nor was the decision made with much rational thought. But if there has ever been a game-changing hair moment (yes, such a thing exists), it has to belong to Britney. The Leave Britney Alone video garnered more than 46 million hits and its creator now has a Wikipedia entry. At least someone won. METRO

Amanda Bynes.

Drake speaks out on Amanda Bynes' obsession

With Amanda Bynes safely under psychiatric care and off Twitter — for the moment, at least — Drake is finally speaking out about the troubled actress' seeming obsession with him that resulted in a steady barrage of tweets calling him "stunning" one day and "ugly" the next.

"I don't even know who that is doing that or what that's about," Drake tells XXL magazine.

"If that is her, I guess it's a little weird and disturbing. It's obviously a behavioural pattern that is way bigger than me."

Salma Hayek.

Hayek's daughter getting red carpet treatment already

Looks like Salma Hayek has a little diva on her hands. The actress says that five-year-old daughter Valentina is a sucker for the spotlight already.

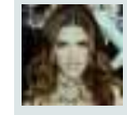
"She loves coming on the red carpet with me and she loves standing having her picture taken," Hayek tells Express.

"She loves to have her red carpet moment. (She's) already a very talented actor."

Twitter

@Pink
I won't write this in a song because it would be cheesy..... But my husband is really good to me.

@lenadunham
"In terms of how often to shower, I think it's all about how YOU feel" –advice I just gave to a child.



@AnnaKendrick47
I can't be the only one who manages to consistently take off ALL the toppings of my pizza in the first bite. Right? #BigTeeth

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Hop(s) to it

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With craft beer hotter than you know where, larger producers are caught in a bit of a conundrum. How, after decades of massaging the taste profile of their brands so they appeal to the masses, do they compete with up-starts that are all about in-your-face flavours?

Many have returned to their kettles to take advantage of beer's primary flavouring agent — the often unheralded hop.

Hops are the lady part of the humulus lupulus plant. And while the water or grain source of your fave brew influences its personality, individual hop strains provide the bitter goodness and expressive character.

Alexander Keith's, the one-time Nova Scotia exclusive that's now carried across the country, is proving my point by creating a unique series of ales named for the specific hop used.

Its Cascade Hop Ale (473 ml, $2.55 to $3.49) is a mellow session beer with citrusy overtones and a nice, bitter bite. The Hallertauer Hop Ale (473 ml, $2.55 to $3.49) is lighter with more of a backseat bitterness that lets the malt shine through.

Try both with classic barbecue fare or spicy, hard to match dishes like Indian curries. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Get creative and cool down by making your own flurry combinations at home. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A flurry of sweet treats

Ice cream. Need a fresh way to chill out this summer? How about DIY flurries?

A flurry is simple — and it isn't something you can only get at the ice cream shop. You start off with ice cream, usually a basic flavour, then you stir or mix or blend all kinds of things into it. It's not a float; no liquid is added. It's like an ice cream sundae, but with the toppings blended instead of piled on top.

Start with a pint of ice cream. Remove the lid and microwave it for about 10 seconds. Test it with a spoon. The ice cream should still be frozen, but should give when pressed with the back of the spoon. If it's not ready, continue microwaving in 5-second bursts, testing in between.

Now you're ready to mix. You can keep it simple and just use a spoon to mix the ice cream and toppings in a bowl, but where's the fun in that? Ice cream shops often use a stick blender, an item you may not have. So instead, toss everything into the food processor and pulse a few times.

As for what to use to flavour your flurries? Anything goes.

Snowstorm
Vanilla ice cream, Peppermint Pattie candies, crushed peppermint sticks, a few drops of mint extract.

Coca Beach
Chocolate ice cream, toasted macadamia nuts, toasted coconut, hot fudge sauce.

Satisfaction
Sweet cream ice cream, crushed salted peanuts, caramel sauce, chopped Snickers candy.

Berry Basket
Black raspberry ice cream, chopped fresh strawberries, blueberries, raspberries.

Concession Stand
Vanilla ice cream, chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed pretzels, gummy bears, M&M's, caramel sauce, malted milk balls.

Silver Screen
Vanilla ice cream, caramel popcorn, chocolate-covered peanuts.

Campfire
Vanilla ice cream, crushed chocolate-covered graham crackers, chopped smoked almonds, chopped marshmallows, hot fudge sauce.

Ultimate Peanut
Chocolate ice cream, peanut butter sauce, chopped Butterfinger candy bar, chopped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, salted peanuts, peanut butter M&M's.

Dark Horse Cherry
Chocolate ice cream, chopped maraschino cherries, crushed chocolate sandwich cookies, finely chopped espresso chocolate.

Melba
Raspberry swirl ice cream, chopped peaches, fresh raspberries, finely chopped candied ginger.

Banshee
Coffee ice cream, bananas, toasted almonds, cinnamon, crushed toffee.

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Nathan Cameron is the beverage manager for the Prime Restaurants Inc. chains, including Casey's, East Side Mario's, Bier Markt and several Irish pubs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Making a summer soiree drink list and checking it twice

Entertaining.
Flavoured ciders can add different taste profile to classic drink recipes

The problem with trying to create a signature drink for a dinner or patio party is that "you simply can't be everything to everyone," says mixologist Nathan Cameron.

So instead of one signature drink, the beverage manager for the Prime Restaurants Inc. chains, including Casey's, East Side Mario's, Bier Markt and several Irish pubs, suggests choosing a category of drinks — sangrias, margaritas, mojitos or Caesars, for example — and offering several options within the category that will appeal to a wide variety of tastes, such as sweet, savoury, sour or bitter.

Substitutions also can be made to turn all of these into non-alcoholic drinks.

"But don't try to do too much," Cameron says. "Otherwise, you'll get overwhelmed, cut corners and you won't be happy with the results."

A successful drinks menu requires as much planning and preparation as a dinner menu, he says. A host needs to consider how long the guests are likely to stay, whether they include children, how hot the weather is and "ease of execution" in preparing the drinks.

On a hot day, cool and refreshing sippers are preferable to heavily sweet drinks that may make guests lethargic or to classic cocktails high in alcohol and low in volume, which might encourage overconsumption.

Flavoured ciders (fermented or not) add a different taste profile to classic drink recipes.

The first step is to research what you will need for the basic recipes, both with and without alcohol. But the key is in the garnishes. At this time of year, choose the freshest seasonal fruits, berries, herbs and vegetables available, along with citrus — orange, lemon, lime or grapefruit — and maybe one or two not-so-typical choices, such as pear, lychee or pomegranate.

Make a shopping list and do not stray from it.

At home, do as much preparation as you can before the party, such as making fruit purées or simple syrups if required. Have the fresh fruit washed, sliced and ready to go. Punches can be made ahead and sangria lends itself well to being made in quantity before a party, allowing the fresh fruits to ferment, with only soda, ice and garnishes added as drinks are served.

But for many other types of cocktails, "the drink's integrity isn't so good when you make a large quantity," Cameron says. "Ingredients tend to change when they're sitting in a large vessel and depending on how you're dispensing it, you may not get equal amounts of the flavours you want." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Don't forget about brews

- It's hard to imagine a Canadian summertime party without beer, so a combination of beer and beer cocktails may be a good drinks theme to choose. There are commercial beer cocktails available and no end to the ingredients you can use to make your own.
- Radler, a combination of beer and fruit juice (usually lemon-lime or grapefruit), is now available commercially in Canada and is a "great, refreshing option, whether you drink it over ice or straight up." Citrus wheat beer mixed 50/50 with apple cider is another suggestion.

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Brantford's David Hearn hits out of a bunker during the opening round of the PGA Championship on Thursday in Rochester, N.Y. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hearn hovering atop PGA Championship

Golf. Brantford native in position to contend after shooting 4-under in Rochester, N.Y.

David Hearn huddled with Mike Weir at the Canadian Open about learning from near-misses.

Weir, the 2003 Masters champion, is now 43 and settling in as a mentor to his younger countrymen. Hearn may be just coming into his own as a pro golfer at age 34.

Less than a month after losing in a playoff at the John Deere Classic for his best finish on the PGA Tour, Hearn shot a 4-under 66 on Thursday in the first round of the PGA Championship. That was the second-best score of the morning session, a shot behind Jim Furyk.

The last time the PGA was played at Oak Hill 10 years ago, Weir was coming off his Masters title and was in contention heading into Sunday. The course is about 2 1/2 hours east of Hearn's hometown of Brantford — best known as the hometown of Wayne Gretzky, who has also given advice to Hearn.

Hearn lost in a three-man playoff July 14 to 19-year-old Jordan Spieth, the youngest winner on the PGA Tour in more than eight decades.

Hearn describes himself as a patient golfer, a trait that has served him well in the bigger picture.

"My career has always had a certain progression, and I've always found a way to get competitive at the next level that I've been to," he said. "For me right now, it's just a matter of trying to continue that on, and as I've been on the PGA Tour for a few years now, I've gotten better at playing well in the bigger events."

Hearn bogeyed the first and last holes Thursday, but otherwise successfully attacked the course with his driver, taking advantage of softer greens in the morning after overnight rain.

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Major mentor

"Mike is at a point in his career now where he's definitely wanting to give back more, and he's definitely doing a good job of that."

David Hearn, on taking guidance from Mike Weir.

Men's Rogers Cup

Mission Pospisil: Canuck pulls big upset in Montreal

Vasek Pospisil is through to the quarter-finals of the $3.49-million US men's Rogers Cup.

The Vernon, B.C., native came out on top of a tight match with fifth-seeded Tomas Berdych to win 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (5) before a roaring crowd of supporters on Thursday.

After Berdych hit wide on match point, the 23-year-old Pospisil flung his hat on the ground and held his head in happy disbelief. The crowd packed into the National Bank court seats saluted the win with the "Ole Ole" song usually reserved for the Montreal Canadiens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vernon B.C.'s Vasek Pospisil
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Women's Rogers Cup

Bartoli ousted early in Toronto

The Wimbledon champion is making an early exit at the Rogers Cup women's tennis tournament.

Marion Bartoli of France retired early in the second set of her third-round match against Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova on Thursday afternoon. Rybarikova led 7-6 (5), 1-0 when her seventh-seeded opponent quit due to injury.

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Weather hindering London golf numbers

Jack Dixon, left, Dale Baskette and Pat Hensen wrap up a round at Thames Valley golf course on Thursday. DAVE LANGFORD/METRO

Don't try comparing this year's numbers at London's three city-owned golf courses to last year's totals.

It's just not fair, London's golf pro manager Steve Bennett says.

"We'd be sitting here tearing our hair out," Bennett said, in discussing budgets.

Last year, the courses set a record by opening on March 12 and 6,700 rounds of golf were recorded at Thames Valley, Fanshawe and River Road during the month.

Dismal spring weather prevented the courses from opening until April 4 this year.

Bennett said he does his budgeting based on five-year averages. While he is hitting his numbers this year, he said last year was a "grand slam."

This year, the weather has paid dividends as the temperature has been pleasant for golfers, and the courses "haven't been stressed out this year" by high heat and humidity.

Bennett, now in his third year as the city's golf pro manager and his fourth working in the London system, said the numbers do not have to be reported until the end of 2014.

In the past, River Road has been under close scrutiny.

Meanwhile, Neil Kapp, an owner of East Park, Westminster Trails and Maple Ridge courses, said business is a "little below" last year.

While Kapp does not have an issue with the weather, he does have a problem with the people providing the forecasts.

"The weather most days has not been as bad as the forecast, but the forecasts have hurt us," Kapp said.

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East Park turns 50

Saturday marks the 50th anniversary of East Park Golf Gardens.

- On Saturday, East Park is offering $5 all-day admission for the water park and $50 for a foursome of golf.

6 Gretzky moments since The Trade

Wayne Gretzky's trade to the Los Angeles Kings from the Edmonton Oilers on Aug. 9, 1988, continues to create a ripple effect 25 years later. Here's a look at how the deal impacted the people and teams involved:

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1. Traded again

In a deal that generated much less fanfare, Gretzky went to St. Louis on Feb. 27, 1996, for Craig Johnson, Patrice Tardif, Roman Vopat, the Blues' fifth-round choice, Peter Hogarth, in 1996, and their first-round pick, Matt Zultek, in 1997. They all had undistinguished pro careers.

2. Made the final

Gretzky led the Kings to their first-ever Stanley Cup final berth in 1993 when they lost to the Montreal Canadiens. He holds the distinction of playing in a championship series against the last Canadian team to win the Cup.

3. Played in Nagano

In 1998, Gretzky played for the first Canadian Olympic team that included NHLers. In a controversial move, Canadian coach Marc Crawford elected not to use Gretzky in the semifinal shootout, going with defenceman Ray Bourque instead. Canada ended up losing to the Czechs, then fell to Finland in the bronze-medal game.

4. Gold-medal builder in Salt Lake

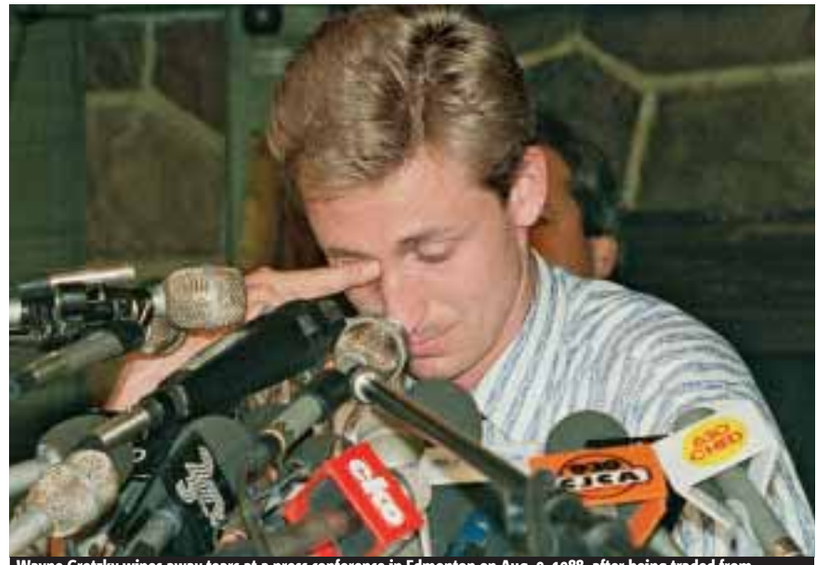
As executive director for Canada's 2002 Olympic team, Gretzky built a roster that would go on to capture Canada's first gold medal in 50 years. He held the same position with Canada's 2006 Olympic entry, but wasn't successful as Canada was eliminated by Russia in the quarter-finals.

5. Owner, manager and coach in Arizona

Gretzky was a member of the Phoenix Coyotes ownership group from 2001 to 2005, when the team was purchased by Jerry Moyes, who attempted to take the club into bankruptcy in May 2009. Gretzky was a creditor in the proceedings and lost a reported $8 million. He coached Phoenix from 2005-06 to 2008-09, compiling a record of 143-161-24.

6. Brought puck to Cali and beyond

The trade to L.A. played a large role in the NHL's decision to expand into southern markets. The league beefed up its presence in California by putting expansion teams in San Jose and Anaheim. The Kings eventually won their first and only Stanley Cup in 2011-12.



Wayne Gretzky wipes away tears at a press conference in Edmonton on Aug. 9, 1988, after being traded from the Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings. RAY GIGUERE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Bettman: Great One gave NHL 'credibility' in U.S.

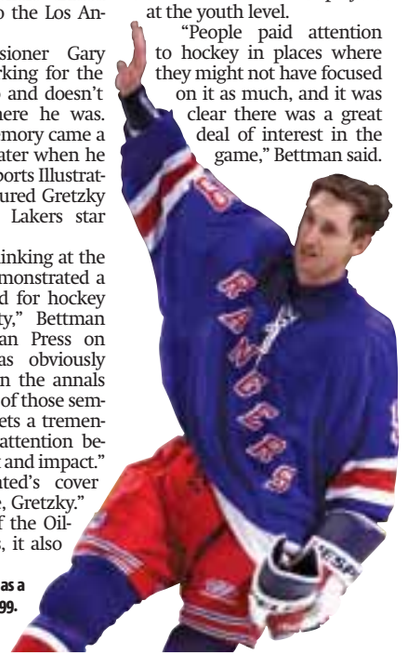
Hockey fans of a certain age tend to remember where they were on Aug. 9, 1988, when the Edmonton Oilers traded Wayne Gretzky to the Los Angeles Kings.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman was working for the NBA 25 years ago and doesn't recall exactly where he was. His most vivid memory came a couple of weeks later when he saw the Aug. 22 Sports Illustrated cover that featured Gretzky and Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson.

"Remember thinking at the time that that demonstrated a huge step forward for hockey and its credibility," Bettman told The Canadian Press on Thursday. "It was obviously something that, in the annals of sports, was one of those seminal events that gets a tremendous amount of attention because of its import and impact."

Sports Illustrated's cover read, "Great move, Gretzky." At the expense of the Oilers and their fans, it also turned out to be a great move for hockey in the United States, which benefited from expansion and an infusion of players at the youth level.

"People paid attention to hockey in places where they might not have focused on it as much, and it was clear there was a great deal of interest in the game," Bettman said.



Wayne Gretzky retired as a New York Ranger in 1999. TOM HANSON/ THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

"Wayne's presence in L.A. was the catalyst for that."

When Gretzky arrived in Los Angeles, The Forum wasn't a loud or intimidating place to play. Sellouts and celebrity appearances became the norm, thanks to the NHL's biggest star.

Not long after, Gretzky's impact was felt beyond Los Angeles. The league added a second California team in 1991 with the expansion San Jose Sharks and a third in 1993 with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Bettman became commissioner several months before the Mighty Ducks and Florida Panthers debuted and the Minnesota North Stars moved to Dallas and in the midst of the Tampa Bay Lightning's first season. The league's expansion across the Sunbelt continued under Bettman's watch, due in no small part to the Gretzky trade.

"It was the reaction of people to the game," Bettman said of the cause and effect. "Wayne's presence in L.A. and the success the Kings had demonstrated that hockey had credibility in so-called newer or non-traditional markets."

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NHL

Plenty potential owners interested in Devils: Source

A person familiar with the negotiations says several groups are vying to buy the financially strapped New Jersey Devils, and a deal should be completed by the start of the NHL season.

The source spoke to The Associated Press Thursday and requested anonymity because the negotiations between Devils owner Jeff Vanderbeek and the groups are still active.

Philadelphia 76ers owner Josh Harris heads one group trying to buy the three-time Stanley Cup champions and Calgary billionaire Bill Gallacher is another, although the source said multiple groups are bidding on the deal that includes the operating rights to the Prudential Center.

The team will not relocate, the source said, adding that Vanberbeek will retain a minority ownership with the Devils.

The NHL has no interest in taking over the team, commissioner Gary Bettman said Thursday.

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Sochi Olympics. Russian sports minister on anti-gay outrage: 'Relax'

Urging critics of Russia's new anti-gay law to "calm down," the country's sports minister said Thursday that the rights of all athletes competing at next year's Winter Olympics in Sochi will be respected.

Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko did insist that athletes would "have to respect the laws of the country" during the Feb. 7-23 games in the Black Sea resort in southern Russia.

The law, signed by President Vladimir Putin in June, bans "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations" and imposes fines on those holding gay pride rallies.

Mutko said "the athletes can come and compete" and the chase for medals should be their primary concern.

"This is a sports forum," he said. "This is a sports festival and we have to talk only about it."

Mutko raised concern last week among gay rights advocates with comments that the law would be enforced during the Sochi Games.

On Thursday, he insisted that, beyond the law, Russia has "a constitution that guarantees to all citizens rights for the private life and privacy."

Russian sports minister Vitaly Mutko GETTY IMAGES

"Rest assured that all the athletes and all the sports organizations should be relaxed," he said.

Mutko said the issue had been blown out of proportion by a groundswell of protest and unease outside Russia.

"I want to ask you to calm down," he said.

Mutko spoke at a news conference two days before the opening of the world athletics championships in Moscow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There may be a 90 per cent chance that what you are about to embark on will end in failure, but don't let that stop you. Maybe the percentages are wrong. Maybe you can will yourself to success.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Do something that upsets those who don't like it when changes have to be made. Just because others have settled into a safe rhythm does not mean you have to as well.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If there is something you want, just take it. Be aware, however, that when you take from others it gives them the right to take from you in return.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may be desperate to change your life for the better but it won't happen overnight. Anything that is worth having is worth working for, so roll up your sleeves and get in there.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Self-doubt may be alien to you but there will be times over the next couple of days when you begin to wonder if you are doing something the wrong way. Maybe you are. Even a Leo gets it wrong sometimes.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do something today that reminds those around you how dangerous it can be to take you for granted. You don't have to make it shocking or outrageous but, on the other hand, there's no reason why you should not!

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Pick a side and join in some kind of battle today. Does that thought fill you with fear? It shouldn't. The only people who have cause to be alarmed are those who find themselves on the opposite side to you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Saturn in your sign is pushing you to your limits but that's OK because you enjoy being tested. Decide on a course of action over the next 24 hours and stick to it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The best way to deal with criticism is to ignore it. Someone will say something today that is neither true nor fair but so what? Your ego is tough enough to take it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will be faced with a situation that makes you angry today but don't let it get out of hand. Before you lose your temper try asking yourself who is most likely to get hurt by it: your rival or you?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There are times when it's OK to be selfish and this is one of them. The more other people try to move you in a certain direction, the more you must insist on going some other way, just to annoy them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You are under divine protection and don't need to worry about the day's events or what the future may bring. Do what feels right. One way or another it will work out. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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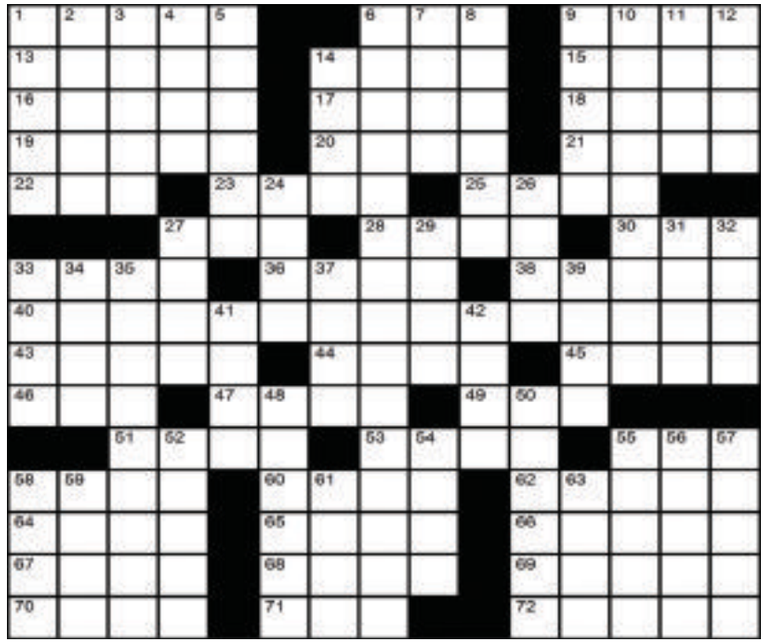


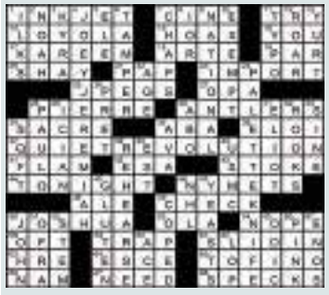
Across

1. Trendy spot in Calgary, __ Loop
6. __ Newtons
9. Fast food titan Ray
13. Hit _ __ note
14. Additionally
15. Greeting in Granada!
16. 1989 k.d. lang and The Reclines album: 'Absolute Torch and __'
17. Boyfriend
18. Mr. Lincoln, et al.
19. "Mr. Dressup" puppet
20. Wail
21. "__ Me Kate" (1953)
22. President after F.D.R.
23. Mr. Neeson
25. Ireland, in verse
27. __ Moines, Iowa
28. Literary collection, for short
30. Grass 'blanket'
33. Walking speed
36. Afghanistan's Tora __
38. __ cologne: 2 mots
40. Sci-Fi role for Canadian actor Hayden Christensen: 2 wds.
43. "Designing __"
44. Shakespeare King
45. Trait carrier
46. Snooze
47. Detect
49. Alias, e.g.
51. "Begone!"
53. Ms. Dunaway
55. HELP!
58. Creamy cheese
60. Dog's wagger
62. Like bell-bottoms
64. Proportionately, Pro __
65. Top-notched
66. Cave art sight
67. New-__
68. Dishwater bubbles
69. Furious
70. Wind burst
71. Tiny tallnesses
72. Hooked-up the car

Down

1. Pair up
2. __ __ expected (No surprises there)
3. Cooked-in-an-oven dish
4. Beach bump
5. Socks pattern
6. A sturdy chair that can be reupholstered ...and, oh look! vintage albums over there...: 3 wds.
7. "_ __ Her Standing There" by The Beatles
8. Singer/actor/theatre star Robert
9. Hue in an army camouflage outfit
10. Toronto-born actress/writer on both SCTV and SNL: 2 wds.
11. Cheers, but banes to bull ears
12. Singer, Mama __
14. Swedish pop band
24. Paperback's ID
26. Ostrich-like bird
27. Faked move
29. "Glee" actress Ms. Rivera
31. Genesis garden
32. "The Way We __" (1973)
33. Hock
34. Buffalo type
35. Firepit/tent/nature locales
37. Norwegian city
39. Aquatic organism
41. "Not __ __ many words."
42. Actress Fay
48. __ Corporation (Saskatchewan fertilizer company, the largest in the world)
50. Muppets frog
52. Courage
54. Beers
55. Drinking prop
56. Pontificate
57. Rubber-__ shoes
58. Crow
59. Spaghetti sauce brand
61. August: French
63. Overseas currency

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

3					5	1	6	
	8			9		2	7	
4			3					8
				3			2	7
		8				9		
7	1			2				
6					2			9
	5	2		7			1	
	7	4	9					2

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	9	4	7	5	3	8	2	6
5	6	3	8	2	6	7	4	1
2	8	7	1	6	4	5	3	9
4	2	9	6	7	5	1	8	3
6	7	8	3	4	1	9	5	2
3	5	1	2	8	9	4	6	7
7	4	2	5	9	6	3	1	8
9	1	5	8	3	2	6	7	4
8	3	6	4	1	7	2	9	5

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